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SUBJECT: ENERGY SECURITY TRANSPORTATION ACT, 1974,

(OIL CARGO PREFERENCE BILL, HR 8193): VISIT

TO U.S. BY LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TOLBERT

1. DEPTOFF MEMBER USDEL TO IMCO, SOLAS CONFERENCE, APPROACHED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS BY HEAD OF LIBERIAN DELEGATION, GERALD COOPER (DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS) AND BY LIBERIAN ADMIRALTY COUNSEL (AMCIT FRANK WISWALL, JR.) RE WORLD TRENDS IN SHIPPING, IN GENERAL, AND CARGO PREFERENCE IN PARTICULAR. THE TWO IMPENDING EVENTS CURRENTLY HELD TO BE MOST ONEROUS BY LIBERIAN SHIPPING INTERESTS ARE (A) THE UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES, AND (B) U.S. OIL CARGO PREFERENCE LEGISLATION.

2. IN REGARD TO CARGO PREFERENCE, THE LIBERIANS REPEAT-

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ED THEIR ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE LEGISLATION, WHICH ARE,

ON THEIR FACE, IDENTICAL WITH THOSE ESPOUSED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION. THEY NOTED, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS, THE UPCOMING VISIT TO THE U.S. BY LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TOLBERT. ACCORDING TO WISWALL, PRESIDENT TOLBERT IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION DAY (NOVEMBER 5) AND WILL AT THAT TIME RAISE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD WOULD VETO H.R. 8193, IF THE CONFERENCE VERSION PASSES THE SENATE (AS EXPECTED).

3. PRESIDENT TOLBERT IS EXPECTED TO "STRONGLY URGE" THAT PRESIDENT FORD VETO THE BILL, NOTING THE UNFAVORABLE PRECEDENT FOR WORLD TRADE THAT WOULD BE SET BY THE ADOPTION BY THE U.S. OF SUCH RESTRICTIVE MEASURES. HE WILL ALSO, NO DOUBT, POINT TO THE U.S. POSITION AT THE UNCTAD CONFERENCE ON A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES, AND WOULD NOTE THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF THAT POSITION WITH COMMERCIAL CARGO PREFERENCE AND WOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT THE PROSPECT OF SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION OF THE UNCTAD CODE WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED BY ADOPTION OF H.R. 8193.

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